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# Vake Robin Farms

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WILD FLOWERS and FERNS FEB 1 5 1952

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Six plants of one kind at the dozen rate. If interested, please ask for our 100 rate.

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All plants hardy for all climates.

Two planting seasons: Spring, about March through June; Fall, about September through November.

This Farm is on U. S. Route 119, 62 miles northeast of Pittsburgh; 9 miles north of Indiana, Pa.

We aim to promote conservation and propagation of wildings. We handle and pack with extreme care, for delivery in perfect condition.



To brighten a shady nook in the garden



### WILD FLOWERS

Anemone, Rue (Anemonella thalictroides). White, tiny, 3-6 inches, March-May, semi-shade, banks, open woods. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.

Arbutus, Trailing (Epigæa repens). Pink-white; April-May; sandy, drained soil, extreme acidity required; sun or shade. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.

Arrowhead (Sagittaria latifolia). White; bog. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.

Aster. White, mauve, purple; field flower, 2 feet; full sun; October. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.

Baneberry, Red (Actæa rubra). White, April-June; 2 feet, red berries, August; cool, moist, drained woods. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.

- Baneberry, White (Actæa alba). White flower, April-June; white berry, August; 2 feet; cool partial shade. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Bellwort; Wood Merrybells (Uvularia perfoliata). Yellow, small, lily-like. Semi-shade, with drainage. 6-18 inches. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Bergamot, Wild (Monarda fistulosa). White to magenta; 3.4 feet; June to September; dampish soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Bishop's Cap; Mitrewort (Mitella diphylla). White plume, 8-16 inches high; April and May; rockery. Drained loam. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Bleeding Heart, Old-Fashioned (Dicentra spectabilis). Pink hearts; bushy growth, reaching 2 feet; May to August; any soil, sun or shade. 50c each; \$5.00 for 12.
- Bleeding Heart, Wild (Dicentra eximia). Deep rose; 1 foot high; May to August. Acid soil, some shade; rockery. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Bloodroot (Saguinaria canadensis). Small, pure-white petalled flower, golden center; April. Ordinary soil, some shade; 6-10 inches. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Bluebells of Scotland; Harebell (Campanula rotundifolia). Slender, reclining stems, 6·10 inches long. Very adaptable to soil and light. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Bluebells, Virginia; Virginia Cowslip (Mertensia Virginica). Sky-blue trumpets on reclining stems, 1-2 feet; May. Partial shade or sunlight. Damp, acid (simply unsweetened) soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Bluet; Quaker Lady; Innocence; Eyebright (Houstonia coerulea). Blue-white, tiny, dense clumps, 3-5 inches. Full sun or partial shade; common soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Boneset; Thoroughwort (Eupatorium perfoliatum). Bog plant, white flower, 2.4 feet. Boneset tea for chills. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Bouncing Bet; Soapwort (Saponaria officinalis). Pinkywhite flower, languid stem, 1-2 feet. Open sun, partial shade, any soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Buttercup, Swamp (Ranunculus septentrionalis). Richly yellow, 1-2 feet high, in damp or marshy places. May to August. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Butterflyweed; Pleurisy Root (Tuberosa asclepias). Flaming orange flowers, 1-2 feet, open sunlight, any soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Calamus: Sweet Flag (Acorus calamus). Bright green spike leaves, 1-3 feet, small blooms in June-July; wet soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Canada Mayflower; Wild Lily of the Valley (Maianthemum canadense). Low, spreading, very small white plumes, May and June; red berries. Ground cover. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Cardinal Flower (Lobelia cardinalis). Blazing red flower; 2.4 feet, July-September. Damp soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.

- Cinquefoil; Five Finger (Potentilla canadensis). Creeper, spreads over barren spots, full sun; small yellow flowers. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Clintonia (Clintonia borealis). Creamy white flower plume, spreading, shiny green leaves, berries steely blue in August. About 6.8 inches high. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Club Moss, Shining (Lycopodium lucidulum). Primitive evergreen, bristling stalks, clumped in deep shade, rich loam. Related to Ground Cedar and Ground Pine. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Columbine, Wild (Aquilegia canadensis). Rockery plant, 10-20 inches, drought resistant; well-drained, average soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Crinkleroot; Two-Leaved Toothwort (Dentaria diphylla). Small white flower in terminal cluster, low-growing, April, May. Roots creep in rich, moist ground. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Dutchman's Breeches (Dicentra cucullaria). Tiny white pantlets, upsidedown on stem, about 8 inches high. Moist shade; woods loam, or sandy acid soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Firepink; Catchfly (Silene virginica). Brilliant crimson, June to August; drought tolerant; likes poor, shaly ground, ideal for rockery. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Foam Flower; False Mitrewort (Tiarella cordifolia). Fluffy white flower heads in May and June, 6·10 inches high. Large evergreen leaves and runners tend to cover the ground. Moist, shady, rocky places. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Gentian, Closed; Bottle Gentian (Gentiana Andrewsii). Gourd-shaped flowers clustered on top of stems 1-2 feet high. Blooms late, September, October. Cool, moist shade. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Geranium, Wild; Wild Cranesbill (Geranium maculatum).

  Blooms all summer, May-August, 1-2 feet high, open shade. Pink-lavender. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Ginger, Wild (Asarum canadense). Spicy ginger roots; showy leaves 4-6 inches; blossom cup hides in loam; moist ground in shade. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Greek Valerian (Polemonium reptans). Light blue flowers clustered a foot high, April, May. Striking ladder-type foliage. Wants shade, dampish earth. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Ground Cedar (Lycopodium conplanatum). Grouped with Clubmoss, evergreen ground cover, sunlight or shade, dry woods. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Ground Pine (Lycopodium obscurum). Another Clubmoss, evergreen dwarf pine, 5-6 inches high, from deep root runners. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Hawkweed; Rattlesnake Weed; Poor Robin's Plantain (Hieracium venosum). Brightly veined leaves flat on ground; flowers yellow in June, on slender stems to a foot high; in poor soil, dry woods, open sandy places. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.

- Hepatica, Round-Lobed; Liverwort; Liver Leaf (Hepatica triloba). Early flower, many shades of blue to whitish, March to May. Adapts to indoors, rockery; partial shade, acid loam. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Ivy, English (Hedera helix). Climber and ground cover; evergreen; well-rooted; 8-12 inches. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Ivy, Ground; Gill-over-the-ground (Nepeta hederacia).
  Fast-creeping ground cover, little blue blossoms all summer. Grows anywhere. 25c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit; Indian Turnip (Arisæma triphyllum). Green or brown-striped, hooded flower, a foot high; bright red berries in fall, easily grown seed in wet soil and shade. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Joe Pye Weed; Trumpet Weed; Queen of the Meadow (Eupatorium purpureum). Tall, 4-8 feet, for atmosphere, background. Wet soil. Large cluster of lavender flowers, July-September. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Lady's Slipper, Pink; Mocassin Flower (Cypripedium acaule). Pink shoe rises a foot above broad base leaves. Well-drained acid loam, rotted wood, for facing down or underplanting larger shrubs; rockery. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Lady's Slipper, Showy (Cypripedium spectabile; C. regina; C. hirsutum). Frosty white flower, stained magenta; June; downy stem, a foot high. Wet, but drained, soil. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Lady's Slipper, Yellow (Cypripedium pubescens). Butteryellow, May and June; a foot high. Drained soil, loamy or stony, with shade. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Lily, Turkscap (Lilium superbum). Orange red flowers, 5.7 feet; June August; fragile bulbs 6 inches deep in average moist soil. Open sunlight. 65c each; \$6.50 for 12.
- Lobelia, Great; Large Blue Lobelia (Lobelia syphilitica). Multiple flowers on spike stem, 1-3 feet high. Moist ground; increased by seed and root division. July-September. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Marsh Marigold; Mary-Bud (Caltha palustris). Gold-yellow big flowers, April and May; resembles cowslip and buttercup. Roots multiply, divide, in rich mud; potted for indoor blooming, April, May; 6·12 inches. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- May Apple; Mandrake; Umbrella Leaf; Wild Lemon (Podophyllum peltatum). Knee-high spreading leaves over waxy white flowers in May, of course. Fleshy apple is yellow in late summer. Any shadey spot. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Meadow Rue, Tall (Thalictrum polygamum). Plumy clusters of white flowers, spreading branches, 3-5 feet high. Damp soil, light shade to open sun. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Monkey Flower (Mimulus ringens). Flowers light blue, grinning monkey faces, July-September. Damp soil. 1-3 feet high. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.

- Myrtle (Vinca minor). Ground cover; blue flowers; plant in 1-foot squares; likes a little shade; grows readily in any soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Oswego Tea; Bee Balm (Monarda didyma). Flaming dark red flower on stem 3-4 feet tall. Fragrant, hardy, spreads by root runners, in moist ground; July to September; border shade. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Pachysandra. Ground cover for shade. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Partridgeberry; Twinberry (Mitchella repens). Evergreen creeper; small, fragrant, white blooms in June; bright red, edible berries in autumn. Damp shade, drained, acid. 30c each (clump); \$3.00 for 12.
- Peppermint (Mentha piperita). Small blue flower, luscious mint aroma from leaves. Damp to soggy soil, ditches, any wet place; 18-30 inches high; spreads by roots. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Phlox, Wild Blue (Phlox divaricata). Evergreen; lavender flowers, April, May; grows 9.15 inches in open shade. Multiple drooping stems for rock garden; average soil, damp and drained. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Phlox, Pink (Phlox ovata). Rose pink flowers on stalks 4.7 inches high, in May. Creeping roots and spreading foliage form gorgeous ground cover, evergreen too. Light shade. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Rattlesnake Plantain (Epipactis pubescens; Goodyera pubescens). Little orchid, dark evergreen leaves, strongly white-veined, rattlesnake effect. Woolly stem, 4 inches, bearing tiny white blossoms, July, August. Stony, shaly, piney spots, in shade. 40c each; \$400 for 12.
- Saxifrage, Early; Virginia Saxifrage (Saxifraga virginiensis). Rockery item; flourishes in stone and shale, grows anywhere. Small white flowers on 6 inch stem rising from basal leaves, in April. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Shooting Star; American Cowslip (Dodecatheon meadia). Blossoms rose-pink, clustered on 10-inch stem, over basal leaves, May and June. Grows in any soil, open shade. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Snakeroot, Black; Black Cohosh; Bugbane (Cimicifuga racemosa). Tree-like plant, 2-4 feet; white flower plumes, purple berries in fall. Damp woods, drained soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Snakeroot, White (Eupatorium urticaefolium). Downy clusters of white flowers at top and ends of open branches, 1-3 feet high. Woods plant, suits a shady garden; blooms August. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Solomon's Seal, False (Smilacina racemosa). White flower plume at end of single, arching stem, 12-18 inches long. Blooms May and June; ruby red berries. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Solomon's Seal, True (Polygonatum biflorum). Small greenish flowers hang in a row of pairs under arching stalks, a foot long, forming steel-blue berries in fall. Favors stony soil; rockery; semi-shade; well-drained to dry soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Spearmint (Mentha spicata). Pungent fragrance of leaves more sought than the little lavender flower. Wet ground, ditches, open soggy spots; spreads rapidly. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.

- Spring Beauty (Claytonia virginica). Rosy white flowers on numerous drooping stems from a tiny pellet bulb. Blooms very early, even in March, and into May. Moist ground, under trees or in open. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Strawberry, Wild (Fragaria virginiana). White petalled, yellow flowers, April to June, followed by real strawberries, on spreading vines. Any soil in open sun. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Tansy (Tanacetum vulgare). Richly aromatic leaves, topped by yellow flowers, July to September; 1-3 feet tall. Grows lustily and spreads in poorest soil, full sunlight. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Trillium, Red; WAKE ROBIN (Trillium erectum). This Farm took its name from the steep bank of native Wake Robins found near a little brook. Usually maroon, with lighter variations, the flower inclines over the very large leaves, up to 15 inches high. Fairly deep shade, well-drained loamy soil. Blooms April to June. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Trillium, White; Large-Flowering Trillium (Trillium grandiflorum). Waxy white flowers, very showy in groups, 8-12 inches above ground; blooms April and May, turns pink as it fades, forms red berries. Average soil, moist, drained, lightly shaded, easily established. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Turtle Head (Chelone glabra). Flowers are smooth, white globes with rosy tint, clustered on a spike, July to September. Bog plant, adapting to any damp soil, 2 feet high. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Violet, Blue (Viola papilionacea). The common blue violet, in case you don't have it. Spreads, permits plucking, tolerant of soil and light, prefers dampness. Low-growing, domestic, yet an ancient favorite of royalty. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Violet, Dog (Viola conspersa). Compact cluster of heart-shaped leaves, and abundant light-blue flowers, April and May. Requires shade. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Violet, Smooth Yellow (Viola scabriuscula). Golden yellow, on rangey, smooth stems, blooms April-May. Moist loam, open shade preferred; adaptable. 30c each \$3.00 for 12.
- Violet, Long-Spurred (Viola rostrata). Extremely dainty, pointed spur; multiple blue flowers in bouquet effect; May. Open shade; drained, loose loam. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Violet, Sweet White (Viola blanda). Tiny white flowers, with purple veins, on small bunchy plant, April-May. Damp shade; drought tolerant. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Violet, White Striped (Viola striata). A larger violet, creamy-white, lower petal purple-veined, on long stalks, 6-12 inches, evergreen. Prolific, April to June. Very adaptable to all conditions; moist shade best. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Wintergreen; Teaberry; Mountain Tea (Gaultheria procumbens). Aromatic, evergreen, ground-cover; root-runners. Shiny dark green leaves; small waxy-white flowers July-August; tasty red berries in fall. Loamy soil, light shade. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.

### **FERNS**

- Beech Fern, Broad (Phegopteris hexagonoptera). Triangular frond on stem, 4.8 inches high. Shallow planting in average, even dry, soil, fairly deep shade. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Brittle Fern (Cystopteris fragilis). Little fellow, produces fronds, 4-8 inches, early spring to fall. Bright green; shallow rooting, average soil, shaded rockery. Very adaptable. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Christmas Fern (Polystichum acrostichoides). Shiny, ever-green fronds, 8-20 inches, with dagger-shaped pinnæ in ladder effect. Fronds cut for Christmas and floral use. Rockery, stony woods, deep soil, good shade. Well drained; adapts to varied conditions. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Common Woodfern; Evergreen Lace Fern (Thelypteris intermedia). Finely cut, lacey fronds, 1.2 feet long, to front down larger ornamentals, for rockery, and adapts to many conditions; requires only shade. 35c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Hay-Scented Fern (Dennstedtia punctilobula). Feathery, light green, 1-2 feet, root runners. Stony ground, rockery, open shade, clearings; any drained soil; drought resistant. Fronds may be cut freely. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Interrupted Fern (Osmunda claytoniana). Graceful spray of fronds, 2-3 feet long; rockery, foundation, specimen planting; very drought resistant; some shade during day; widely adaptable. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.
- Leather Woodfern; Marginal Woodfern (Thelypteris marginalis). Evergreen leaflets or pinnæ have wrinkled leathery texture. Prefers deep shade, stony earth, company of conifers; 2 feet high. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Maidenhair Fern (Adiantum pedatum). Tressy-soft spreading frond umbrellas atop a very slender, polished, mahogany stem, 10-15 inches high. Porch, foundation, shrubbery planting; ordinary non-acid soil; very adaptable; ample shade. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- New York Fern (Thelypteris noveboracensis). The only fern with frond tapering down, 8-15 inches. Dry, cool shade; Creeping roots produce multiple fronds, yellow-green. Needs deciduous leaf mulch; any good soil. 30c each; \$3.00 for 12.
- Sensitive Fern (Onoclea sensibilis). Yellowsih green, lush, succulent, primitive fronds. Erect fruiting stalk turns brown, remains all winter, 8-16 inches; moist, open ground. 35c each; \$3.50 for 12.
- Spleenwort, Ebony (Asplenium platyneuron). Sprightly miniature fern, 4-8 inches, rigid, evergreen fronds. Loves stony, shaly, gravelly banks, edges, rockery perches, clefts, and border shade. Frond stems a glossy, ebony brown. 25c each; \$2.50 for 12.
- Spleenwort, Silvery Athyrium acrostichoides). Silvery sheen on backs of bright green fronds, 1-2 feet tall. Needs damp, shaded places, average soil. 40c each; \$4.00 for 12.

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